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REPLY TO: HPR-ID/710.1

Ms. Pamela Lowe, Director
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Dear Ms. Lowe:

**2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Approval Update to
Include the Lewis Clark Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization:**

The December 14, 2007 joint approval of Idaho's 2008-2011 STIP by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) excluded projects in the Lewis Clark Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (LCVMPO's) TIP until such time as the planning program for this area was determined to be SAFETEA-LU compliant.

Since the initial STIP approval, the LCVMPO has satisfactorily addressed the specific outstanding issues identified by FHWA and FTA. Accordingly, FHWA and FTA have jointly determined in an August 12, 2008 letter that the transportation program for the LCVMPO is now SAFETEA-LU compliant.

With that, the December 14, 2007 STIP approval is hereby amended to include the LCVMPO planning area.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.218, the FHWA and the FTA, based on the certifications of the statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes for and within the State of Idaho and the FHWA's and FTA's participation in those transportation planning processes hereby find that the projects in the proposed STIP are based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart A, B and C, 49 U.S.C. Sections 5303-5305, and 23 U.S.C. Sections 134 and 135 and therefore give our joint approval of Idaho's STIP covering all areas of the State.

Sincerely yours,

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